

**Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation**

As of July 1, 7,598 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine area. Of those, 517 were infested host trees and 7,081 were high-risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Carteret, Linden and Rahway. Currently, 28 program personnel from USDA APHIS PPQ, NJDA, NJ Forest Service are performing survey, control and regulatory activities

As of June 30, 18,473 trees have been treated in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area: 1,874 trees were treated in Carteret by soil injection and 2,773 by trunk injection; 1,707 trees were treated in Rahway by soil injection and 1,779 by trunk injection; 556 trees were treated in Linden by soil injection and 3,042 by trunk injection; 55 trees were treated by soil injection in Woodbridge and 6,502 by trunk injection. Approximately 20,000 trees will be treated with the insecticide imidacloprid by the time treatment is completed.

Four of the USDA-Forest Service Smokejumpers from Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon, who began tree-climbing survey efforts on June 24, were recalled to their Western base as the forest fire season in that region has picked up. Seven members of the Western-based crew remain doing tree-climbing survey work in the Middlesex-Union counties infestation area.

In media coverage, the *Star-Ledger* conducted interviews for an upcoming story about the one-year anniversary of the first ALB find in the Middlesex-Union infestation, which dated to early last August, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* continued interviews for a story on the Asian longhorned beetle and the emerald ash borer.